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TABLE 1 - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES
AUSTRALIA PRELIMINARY INDICATIVE DATA

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, OCTOBER 1975

MAIN FEATURES

- The October 1975 industrial dispute statistics show
 - 238 disputes
 - 115,600 workers involved
 - 206,100 working days lost
- The main disputes during the month involved
 - the base metal industry in N.S.W. and Victoria
 - supermarkets in Victoria
 - motor vehicle industry in S.A.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes for the month of October 1975 and some previous periods. More information about these disputes will appear later in the detailed quarterly bulletin *Industrial Disputes* (Reference No. 6.6).

2. The statistics of industrial disputes are compiled according to the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), described in the Bureau publication *Australian Standard Industrial Classification (Preliminary Edition)*, 1969, Vol. 1. Statistics on this basis are published in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (Reference No. 6.7).

3. The statistics of industrial disputes refer only to disputes involving stoppages of work of ten man-days or more. Workers involved include workers directly and indirectly involved in disputes. Workers indirectly involved are employees thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but not

themselves parties to the dispute. Particulars of some stoppages (e.g. those involving a large number of establishments) may be estimated and the statistics therefore should be regarded as giving a broad measure of the extent of stoppages of work (as defined).

4. Stoppages of work occurring at different times and at different establishments, but due to the same cause may be regarded as one industrial dispute. However, an industrial dispute occurring in more than one State is counted as a separate dispute in each State. A dispute involving workers in more than one industry in a State or Territory is counted only once in the number of disputes — in the industry that has the largest number of workers involved; but workers involved, working days lost and estimated loss in wages are allocated to their respective industries. Disputes not settled at the end of a year are included as new disputes in the figures for the following year. The monthly statistics refer to all disputes operative in the month, including those disputes that commenced in previous months. In Table 1 details of the number of disputes and workers involved are shown separately for disputes beginning in the month and for all disputes. Average days lost per worker involved on a monthly basis are not comparable with the yearly averages, because workers involved are included in each month in which they are involved in disputes, while they are counted once only for each dispute in the annual figures. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

5. For statistics of industrial disputes for earlier periods see *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (Reference No. 6.7).

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of disputes		Workers involved ('000)		Working days lost		Estimat ^z loss in wages / (\$'000)
	Beginning in month	Total (a)	Beginning in month	Total (a)	Number (a) ('000)	Average days per worker involved (b)	
1969	..	2,014	..	1,285.2	1,958.0	1.5	22,987
1970	..	2,738	..	1,367.4	2,393.7	1.8	30,883
1971	..	2,404	..	1,326.5	3,068.6	2.3	45,243
1972	..	2,298	..	1,113.8	2,010.3	1.8	32,074
1973	..	2,538	..	803.0	2,634.7	3.3	45,206
1974	..	2,809	..	2,004.8	6,292.5	3.1	128,308
1974 -							
October	226	245	145.9	179.5	238.6	1.3	5,797
November	196	216	72.7	75.4	161.8	2.1	3,732
December	126	139	60.0	63.4	80.5	1.3	2,445
1975 -							
January	158	158	29.9	29.9	36.9	1.2	955
February	237	252	65.1	67.7	116.7	1.7	2,999
March	182	211	70.7	81.7	169.1	2.1	4,623
April	246	256	288.7	290.9	416.3	1.4	11,144
May	283	330	144.3	366.0	504.6	1.4	13,715
June	174	239	147.9	413.2	635.3	1.5	17,155
July	316	340	129.0	380.0	557.6	1.5	15,525
August	209	269	44.5	74.9	292.8	3.9	8,218
September	176	219	55.2	78.6	264.9	3.4	7,568
October (c)	212	238	98.3	115.6	206.1	1.4	5,473

(a) Refers to all disputes operative and workers involved in the period — see paragraph 4, page 1. (b) Monthly figures are not comparable with yearly figures — see paragraph 4, page 1. (c) Subject to revision.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRIES (a), AUSTRALIA
WORKING DAYS LOST ('000) (b)

Period	Manufacturing					Transport and storage; communication			
	Mining		Metal products, machinery and equipment (c)	Construction	Steve- doring services	Other	Other industries	A ndustries	
	Coal	Other							
1969	76.1	76.9	643.6	267.1	264.4	136.2	286.4	207.3	1,950
1970	178.4	76.5	625.9	440.9	618.3	148.3	156.7	148.8	2,397
1971	251.6	83.2	636.7	317.7	1,109.5	73.9	300.1	295.9	3,065
1972	60.8	62.0	620.2	393.7	407.8	39.2	205.2	221.3	2,013
1973	87.5	155.3	800.8	661.4	439.3	49.5	93.2	347.6	2,637
1974	163.0	146.5	2,850.8	756.7	1,188.7	111.1	516.2	559.4	6,295
1974 -									
October	4.6	18.9	41.7	48.4	68.7	7.1	13.2	36.0	235
November	31.3	11.3	25.5	15.7	12.7	7.5	21.8	35.9	163
December	7.7	6.9	2.5	3.9	29.5	1.5	15.5	13.0	86
1975 -									
January	2.2	4.0	6.2	7.1	2.9	4.7	1.6	8.2	30
February	5.0	5.2	26.3	24.0	23.9	2.3	2.2	27.8	110
March	8.1	1.3	40.0	22.3	50.4	2.0	7.8	37.2	161
April	10.9	7.3	116.4	24.4	45.1	3.6	13.5	195.1	416
May	36.8	7.6	177.2	78.1	65.8	6.3	7.2	125.4	505
June	45.8	12.2	387.2	44.4	71.3	2.5	11.4	60.5	633
July	100.3	11.5	196.4	51.3	124.2	2.5	26.7	44.7	555
August	55.5	15.0	77.5	61.1	46.2	2.1	4.6	30.7	293
September	72.0	9.9	83.5	23.8	14.7	1.7	27.0	32.2	264
October (d)	2.2	4.9	83.5	44.9	16.9	6.3	11.9	35.5	206

(a) Australian Standard Industrial Classification — see paragraph 2, page 1. (b) Refers to all disputes operative in the period — see paragraph 4, page 1. (c) Includes ASIC sub-divisions 29, 31, 32, 33. (d) Subject to revision.

TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES
WORKING DAYS LOST ('000) (a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
1969	743.8	717.2	238.6	129.0	101.4	9.9	1,958.0
1970	1,393.6	510.8	179.2	93.1	141.1	32.2	2,393.7
1971	1,887.5	689.6	271.4	111.2	69.4	20.6	3,068.6
1972	866.8	638.4	292.2	60.9	94.6	19.2	2,010.3
1973	1,098.1	780.5	320.2	130.6	117.3	140.1	2,634.7
1974	2,665.0	2,386.6	529.5	316.5	256.9	88.5	6,292.5
1973 -							
January	32.8	11.2	4.1	2.6	7.9	19.1	82.1
February	87.0	86.6	16.7	14.7	7.7	33.5	248.4
March	110.0	47.4	18.8	15.2	10.2	28.5	231.7
April	42.9	92.8	18.2	5.7	11.7	9.5	192.0
May	125.6	94.2	56.2	7.9	7.2	12.4	304.3
June	158.5	91.1	75.6	3.0	8.7	18.8	363.7
July	90.8	102.0	17.1	4.2	9.2	1.6	225.0
August	113.0	33.7	42.8	7.1	15.7	2.5	218.6
September	91.2	83.2	25.1	6.8	4.3	0.2	215.9
October	110.3	87.3	14.9	15.3	12.9	1.8	245.2
November	125.2	44.6	27.4	23.3	21.0	8.5	257.9
December	10.8	6.5	3.4	24.7	0.8	3.6	49.8
1974 -							
January	30.9	7.5	6.4	1.3	5.9	0.2	53.6
February	253.4	125.7	13.2	16.1	5.0	1.1	418.1
March	1,063.1	728.0	45.8	99.1	8.6	54.1	2,011.3
April	351.4	454.8	67.2	37.2	16.8	5.2	936.1
May	252.0	189.1	44.3	52.2	11.4	4.4	559.6
June	108.7	94.4	7.3	7.4	12.1	3.0	235.1
July	117.3	214.7	136.2	37.8	11.8	4.6	526.2
August	215.0	400.2	127.7	34.6	28.9	1.5	816.3
September	116.7	73.9	25.2	18.4	17.7	1.4	255.1
October	46.3	49.2	19.7	6.3	105.5	11.3	238.6
November	69.0	31.5	27.2	5.2	25.3	1.4	161.8
December	41.3	17.6	9.4	1.0	7.9	0.1	80.5
1975 -							
January	15.1	7.5	7.1	3.1	4.0	0.1	36.9
February	54.5	15.8	32.6	4.3	6.0	0.4	116.7
March	119.6	18.9	24.0	2.6	1.6	0.5	169.1
April	281.6	91.4	16.2	5.2	9.7	1.9	416.3
May	218.7	215.7	31.5	10.9	15.7	2.2	504.6
June	280.2	217.3	65.8	24.9	14.4	8.3	635.3
July	210.9	208.6	80.0	26.7	10.4	12.0	557.6
August	91.6	109.8	57.2	14.4	8.1	8.1	292.8
September	86.5	90.6	66.4	9.3	6.9	2.1	264.9
October (c)	67.7	75.2	35.6	16.9	7.1	2.7	206.1

(a) Refers to all disputes operative in the period — see paragraph 4, page 1. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Subject to revision.

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